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WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include water management in the infrastructure facilities; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The National Water Policy (1987) recognizes water as one of the most crucial elements in development planning. Itprovides for allocation of water for infrastructural needs like Drinking water, Irrigation, Hydropower, Navigation and Industrial and other uses in that priority in planning and operation of water resources schemes. It also provides for planning and management of country's water resources on a sustainable basis. The policy recognizes drainage basin as the basic unit of planning for development of water resources and calls for appropriate measures to optimize utilization of this resources.